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Separate Convocation For Mac Graduates?

On May 29th, the graduation exercises of McGill University will be held in Montreal. Approximately eleven hundred students will be presented with their degrees that day in recognition of their academic achievement. During the day one visitor might spot a graduate, approach him and ask what one of the buildings over yonder was used for. Shyly the new graduate would reply: "Well, I really don't know — you see I've never been here before!!!!"

One can well imagine the visitor's surprise at finding a new graduate who has "never been here before." What he didn't know was that out of the 1,100 graduates he had picked one of eighty odd who had attended another campus of McGill — Macdonald College. It is unfortunate that these students had to wait four years for an opportunity to visit the main campus of the Universty. What is even more unfortunate — if they didn't "visit" the campus that day they would not receive their degree until they had made a ten dollar deposit with the adminstration.

Why do these eighty odd graduating students in the Faculty of Agriculture and the School of Household Science have to go to Montreal on May 29th to receive their degrees? Why should they not receive their degrees at a separate convocation at Macdonald College? It has been said that we must go into dear ol' McGill since we are receiving McGill Degrees. Now I am sure that we all realize the value and sense of achievement we feel when we get our degree from McGill. But out here the sign on the gate, the rink and in other places says "Macdonald College of McGill University." Therefore by receiving our degrees out here we can still say we graduated from McGill and the only difference from the above situation being that we graduate at Macdonald. "Impossible" some people say — yet the same situation exists between the O.A.C. and University of Toronto. Here the graduates in Agriculture, Home Economics and Veterinary Medicine receive their Univer-

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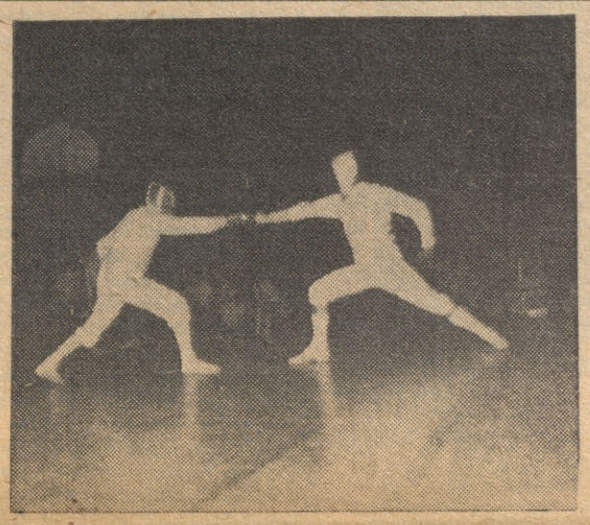

Macdonald Fencing Club

Last Thursday evening the Macdonald Fencing Club had the pleasure of entertaining three of Canada's top fencers. Carl Schwende, twice Canadian champion, Herb Obst, top contender for the Provincial title this year and Ede Gyapay Hungarian University Champion and Mac instructor gave an exhibition demonstrating the art of fencing with the foil, epée and saber. The exhibition provided by these three men and also by Maria Pluss, who is one of Montreal's formost Lady fencers, was interspersed by the Macdonald Ladies Foil Tournament. This tournament was won by Heather Ward who was closely followed by Marianne Montandant and Donalda Amos. Marjorie Robins and Glenna MacDonald also competed and ranked fourth and fifth respectively.

The Fencing Club was pleased to see the interest shown by the students. We sincerely hope that some of this years spectators will become next year's competitors when the Fencing Club reopens for another sason full of activities.—**Robert Taylor.**

Have Summer Employment Will Travel

Summer employment is of major importance to the average student who plans to travel in the realm of experience and practical skills. In connection with the previous article published, the following Failt-Ye survey has been made on the campus to find out how fellow students spend their vacation time :

Bard Armstrong — Germany — R.C.A.F. Student Dietitian.
Chris Whelan — Nfld. — Life Guard.
Gib Patterson — Ottawa — Experimental Farm.
Levi Kond — Niagara — Manager Fruit Farm.
Edna McCutcheon — Frederickton — Extension Work.
Ray Simser — Hudson — Recreation Director, Yacht Club.
Marylea Fox — Belleville — Bug Dietitian.
Eric Johnson — Labrador — Surveyor.
Gale Thomas — Pennsylvania — Resort Headwaitress-Hostess.
Darcy Little — Great Lakes — Fisheries Department.
Flora Bowden — Lakeshore — Swimming Instructress.
Sandra Mann — College — Biology Dept.
Peter Taitt — Alberta — Oil Exploration
Liz Meade — Toronto — Forestry Dept., outdoor work.
Anne Hewitt — Lake Simcoe — Recreation Centre Directress.
Doug Hicks — Valois — Asst. Supervisor Valois Rec. Center.
Barb Taylor — Yukon — Dental Nurse.
Richard Pogue — Walkerville —Distillery Labwork.
Aurele Gaudet — New Bruns. — Extension Work
Liz Day — Ottawa — Government Office Work.
Hans Heuckle — Baffin Island — Entemology Research.
Flo Murrty — Montreal — Camp Councillor, Negro Community Center.
Shirley Stewart — Ontario — Mental Hospital Staff.

Possibly through this survey you may find the type of work which appeals to you and through these people, you may receive suggestions how to enter various fields of summer employment if you don't already have a position.

Home Economics Club Executive

President, Veda Lightbody; Corresponding Secretary, Marg Harrison; Secretary Treasurer, Marilyn Gray; Food Convener, Jean Liberty.

Sweep in Inter-Class Play Competitions Assure Victory

One of the highlights of the Association's Banquet held on Thursday April 9, was the presentation of the Judy Brugar Trophy to the Freshman Class. This trophy was donated by the class of '44 in memory of one of their classmates Miss Judy Brugar, and every year it is presented to the class which totals the hihest number of points in Lit. and Deb. for the year.

The Frosh were off to a good start by winning Amateur Nite, they kept the lead by making a clean sweep of Inter-class Play competition by winning the best actor, best actress, and best play award. They ran a close second in the Failt-Ye Competition and coasted into the finish with a third in the debates. Congratulations are due to the frosh for their fine showing.

The final breakdown in the points as follows.

	Points
Frosh	40
Seniors	31
Juniors	25
Sophs.	20
Dips. and Handicrafts	12
Teachers I	7
Teachers II	4

This marks the end of Lit. and Deb Activities for the year, we hope that the same interest and enthusiasm will be shown next year. Whose class will reclaim that trophy next year ? You never know, it might be yours !

Association's Banquet

Thursday was recognition night when those who worked whole heartily for the college were awarded with trophies and medals.

To start the evening off and set the mood, the guests of honour attended a reception in the reading room. A banquet for all invited followed in the dining room.

The guest speaker, Rev. Norman Rawson, was introduced by Earle Dobson. Rev. Rawson is minister of St. James United Church in Montreal and is well-known in Canada and the United States as a popular lecturer. He has witnessed first hand two world wars and is an authority on up to the minute information on the international scene.

The Gold Key Society awarded medals to M. Waldron, and M. Anderson for their outstanding work this year.

A Lit. and Deb. special award was given to Dr. Rowles, their honorary president. Gold medals from Lit. and Deb. were presented to R. Layne, A. Fulford, and R. D. Hamilton. M. Anderson, E. Armstrong and R. Simser received silver medals. Bronze medals were awarded to L. Spector, L. Duthie, A. Yule, G. Sukse, P. Hill, M. Marsh, and L. McRae.

Student Council gold medal winners were M. Waldron, E. Dobson, and R. Simser. Silver medals were given to K. Roache, A. Fulford, A. Gaudet, D. Hodgins, K. McCleary, and R. Layne. Bronze medals went to A. Vine, A. Winship, R. Baird, R. D. Hamilton, E. Sidaway, M. Anderson, J. Eaton, E. Armstrong, J. Van Pelt and P. Scharfe.

Publications awards were presented to P. Apedaile, B. Carscallen, S. Reid, C. Hollier, L. Hourston, S. Grisdale, E. Sidaway, K. Roache, J. Eaton, L. Duthie, B. Rippley, T. Dunphy, D. Anderson and G. Rafuse (in absentia).

For the first time the Student Teachers Society gave awards. Those who received them were R. Simser, R. Gill, S. Burnett, L. Hourston, and H. Wermeche.

Honorary gold awards were presented to retiring staff members, Prof. W. A. Maw and Miss A. M. Stickwood. An award was presented in memory of Dr. Oliver who had done so much for the college.

Members of the class of 60 who were present cheered heartedly when their class was presented with the blood donors shield. This trophy was given to the class who had the highest percentage of donors at the clinic last fall.

Library Week

From April 12th to April 18th, Canadian booksellers, librarians and publishers celebrate the first Canadian Library Week. Special activities are being planned by a CLW Council, whose patron is the Hon. Dana Porter, Chief Justice of Ontario.

To mark CLW, the main library plans to have on display copies of a very few books that some authorities claim have changed the course of history, either for good or for evil. In its display, the library has not attempted to select literary masterpieces or "best books," but only to show some books that have deeply influenced man's thoughts and actions in fields such as education, philosophy, science, economics, politics, sociology, and others.

To help us celebrate this week, Professor Kevan has kindly set up an exhibition of rare 18th and early 19th century books in insects. These editions from Dr. Kevan's private library include volumes with fine colored engravings.

Newman Club Executive

President, Hans Hueckel; Vice-President, Sue Bernardin; Secretary, Pierre Seguin; Treasurer, Tony Valcic; Publicity Manager, Shirley Hinds.

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Students' Council

Now that the new Students' Council has grasped the reigns of duty and accepted the responsibilities which accompany such a task I would like to ramble for a few lines.

The students' Council is the supreme governing body and the President of the Council may act as chairman, liaison, ex-officio member or what ever suitable title you associate with such a person. However the entire cast is of no economic or social value if there is no audience. This is where YOU enter the picture and it is with heartfelt thanks that I as Past President of the council express my appreciation for the co-operation which all of you have given me in leading our Clan through the past school year.

Special mention must be awarded the members of the council for the manner in which they cheerfully accepted their challenge and aptly played their role as leaders and organizers of their respective organizations.

A bouquet also goes to the administration for their understanding realization of student aspirations. For this we are gratefully indebted.

The cast has now been dispersed and a new troop has come on the stage. One cannot speculate as to the success of this play but if the high quality of the actors is any indication of their final performance, then it is one which you should not miss. We are confident that it will be a top rate show and wish them every success.

In bringing down the curtain may I again express my gratitude for your giving me the privilege of acting as your President; it is an honour which I shall neither regret nor ever forget.

Earle Dobson

The New or the Old

Ninety-five per cent of the people asked by this reporter, said that they liked the new tabloid form of the Failt-Ye, better than the old multi-litho form. The main reason for this seemed to be, "It looks more like a newspaper and when it is shown to an outsider, it is something to be proud of."

Other reasons were, "It is easier to find the important articles, because of the headlines. It is slightly harder to read because of the papers' colour, but most people read faster, when they read in columns." We of the Failt-Ye staff think that the new tabloid form has proved itself a success.

Separate Convocation

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sity of Toronto Degrees at their own Guelph Campus.

Others say our graduation classes are too small to have a separate graduation. However many other small colleges with senior classes as small as ours conduct their own convocation. There are few colleges anywhere blessed with as beautiful a campus as we, yet on graduation it is left vacant while the students who have studied on it for four years go off to another. Why leave home and friends to celebrate a happy event.

The Senior class of about eighty students has become a very closely knit group over the years. On May 29th, these eighty will be herded in with another thousand from McGill, 98 per cent of whom they have never heard of before. They are now subject to the cold unfriendly atmosphere that prevails towards strangers when among the masses; and remember that at McGill we are the strangers.

One final point: — On graduation day we like to have our family and friends present as well as our professors. We like to be able to show our families where and how we spent our time and we like to have our families meet our friends. Where else can our graduating class achieve all this than right here at Macdonald — surely we are proud of Macdonald — let us then be proud enough often to spend the biggest day of our college career **right here**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 25, 1959

Editor,
Failt-Ye-Times,
Sir:

In support of E.M.F. and his statements in "Let me set you straight", I would like to advise Dr. Warkentin of the physics department that he should not be prone to put too much emphasis of his statistics (climatic data), for they are surely not representative of the province of Newfoundland, and that the positions of the weather stations are purely for the convenience of air travel.

St. Johns, for centuries a famous fishing village, and now with some other employment diversions, is caught between the Labrador and Gulf currents, and consequently for a great part of the year alters between Greenland icebergs and rain or Greenland icerbergs and fog.

Gander is in much the same position, and were it not so high up in the clouds (hence lack of sunshine) would be a mountain resort.

However, the greater part of Newfoundland is not in this position (it's a large province), and the U.S.A.F. data at Stephenville, on the west coast, compares favorably with Halifax. As an example, the airport at Stephenville is only closed down nine per cent as much due to fog as the Torbay airport at St. Johns.

Also, the fact that Goose Bay is part of Newfoundland and seems to have, according to the statistics, more hours of sunshine than other points in approximately that latitude, seems to have been overlooked by our popular Physics professor.

Sun Tan Charlie

March 31, 1959

The Editor,
Failt-Ye Times,
Macdonald College.
Dear Sir:

I would like to pass along to Professor B. P. Warkentin my thanks for his interest in my article, "Let me Set you Straight", but especially for eye-opening data on long-term averages of climatic conditions in Newfoundland cities as compared to a few other cities in Canada. However, he didn't say when this data was compiled. Could it be that it is as outdated as the Encyclopedia Brittanica I quoted?

Thank you,

"E.M.F."

P.S.: Incidentally, Goose Bay is NOT in Newfoundland. It is an airport in Labrador.

Sic Transit Gloria

They put pennies
In the dead man's eyes,
Laying him
On the cold marble,
Indifferent, uncaring,
Unknowing.
Tears, toils, joys and fear
were embodied
In his frame.
Now only death
Lurked behind
The tarnished coins.
The light, arrested,
Shunned from the mind,
The mind still,
Unfeeling.
Mourners passed,
Wept, walked
Heads bowing
By his still figure.
Death, undiscriminating,
Took even Him.

Peter Taitt

Buying A Car This Summer?

23rd March 1959.

Failt Ye Times,
Macdonald College.

Perhaps you may be interested in this small item, figures were extracted from the current issue of 'Saturday Night'.

Investigations in Idaho to determine if there was a relationship between college grade and car ownership showed that among "A" students there were no car owners, 15% of those with B grades owned a car, 41% of the grade C's and 71% of the D's had cars. Of those students who flunked, 83% ran some sort of car.

CANADA'S

Couchiching Conference Set for August 8-15

The Couchiching Conference is a joint project of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Geneva Park, a Y.M.C.A. camp located about ninety miles north of Toronto on Lake Couchiching, provides the site of the seven day conference, which is open to all men and women interested in the study and discussion of current affairs.

"Couch" is a spot where intellectuals in shorts and sports shirts relax in the August sunshine, where celebrities don't look or act like celebrities because it's not worth the effort, and no one cares anyhow. When the distinguished guest speaker and the undistinguished listeners show up at an outdoor "round table" clad in slacks, faded T shirts and shoes that no shoemaker could rebuild, it seems much easier to converse.

The Conference is attended by professors, teachers, farmers, social workers, businessmen, labour leaders and university students, and is widely known as a national, non-partisan forum with an open plaform for the voicing of controversial ideas. Some of the finest minds in the world have come to this forest retreat and have helped widen the sum total of Canadian knowledge of public affairs. Many a front-page story has borne a Geneva Park dateline.

The first Conference was held in 1932, and was described by one of the leaders as "the greatest collection of social, religious and economic mavericks ever assembled in Canadian history. We had a wonderful time, free speech tinged with invective."

Since then, Geneva Park has played host to twenty-six such gatherings, with top-notch speakers from all parts of the world participating.

The formal Conference sessions are scheduled for morning and evening, with afternoons free for recreation or just loafing. Each morning the Conference registrants are divided into small informal groups, and under the guidance of trained leaders each member is given an opportunity to express his or her views on the topic. In the evening there are formal presentations by experts on the selected subjects, followed by audience question periods. These are broadcast, in part, over the C.B.C. national network.

No one goes to Couchiching for a mad social whirl, but there are impromptu get-togethers in the cabins after the address and discussion are over for the evening, and they've been known to continue until birds chirp the arrival of another dawn. One student from O.A.C. who attended last year's Conference enthusiastically described an experience that he had on the first night of the week's program. He and a number of other participants ended up at the "Leaders Lodge" after the formal address and question period, and conversed with "Mike" Pearson until nearly 3.00 a.m. on current affairs!

This year the theme of the Conference is "Changing Asia," and it will be held the week of August 8-15. The major evening programs are to consider such aspects of the theme as: The Revolution In Asia; The Asian Roads to Progress; Asia's Attitudes To The West; Western Reactions; and The Significance for Canada.

The institute provides scholarships to enable university students who qualify to attend the conferences. Often the students serve as chauffeurs, and ferry guest speakers to and from the railway station at Longford. According to an article on Couchiching in the "Globe and Mail" last fall, one student at the 1957 Conference received a brief but intensive education in Middle East affairs.

The article states: "He (the student) drove a departing guest speaker, Dr. Fayez Sayegh, acting director of the Arab States Delegation Office in New York, to the station, and en route the doctor gave him an earful on the sins of Israel and the plight of the oppressed Arabs. The student unloaded the doctor in time to catch his train, and then off the same train picked up an incoming guest speaker, Max Freedman, Canadian newspaperman stationed in Washington. Freedman proceeded to enliven the return trip with an eloquent account of the problems of the Middle East, with special reference to the sins of the Arab world, and the plight of oppressed Israel. The driver was in a mental fog the rest of the day."

Such incidents seem typical of Couchiching, with its enthusiastic and informal group, bent on becoming informed about the issues of the day and on making independent judgments about them. It is certainly a Conference well worth attending.

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Note — If any student wishes further information on this subject, please contact the Feature's Editor.

Ottawa Debaters Topple Macs

The Assembly Hall was the venue of yet another Lit. and Deb. sponsored debate. On the occasion a visiting Ottawa team consisting of Walter Viney and Robert Burns, defeated our Bety Carscallen, and Don Drayton in a keenly competed debate. The Ottawa team convinced the judges, Dr. Knowles, Professor Hennebury, and Eric Samuels, and the majority of the audience that, "Canada Should Recognize Red China."

Throughout the proceedings we were aware of the research, thought, time and careful preparation that each side put into the project to produce the convincing arguments that were put forward.

Lester Pearson was frequently quoted by both sides, the affirmative only using his words, they said, as "Canada had no positive foreign policy but was dependent upon other countries such as the United States to form its overseas relationships—the Far East countries that Canada was protecting had already given Red China recognition."

The oppositon held that it is important that even the smallest nations keep on friendly, considerate terms with their neighbours, U.S., and any recognition of Red China would surely cause friction and that Britain achieved no benefit through its recognition of Red China.

Due to short notice and other activities the debate was not as well attended as might be expected, but it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Sports Editorial

Men's Sports

"Major M's"

Once again the M.A.A. presented the idea of jackets for "Major M's" winners. This time, however; the idea was brought before the new Students Council, rather than the old one.

It was first through that the M.A.A. had decided on pins, but the rumour was false. Several objections were raised to the jackets, as well as a few good points, but often a long discussion the idea was defeated.

Touch what's that ?

This past week, the M.A.A. made one of the biggest mistakes that has ever been made. They have gone against the majority of the wishes of the male students at Macdonald by changing the interclass football from tackle to touch.

We would suggest that the M.A.A. take another look at this issue. They have made several statements, none of which are false but most of which are quite slanted. The ideas are actually not too bad, in some instances, but most of the Major points are out of order.

First, they blame McGill who will not let us raise out fees, saying that for interclass football it will toll $800.60 This is not even logical. Last year's equipment with which the Juniors and Sophs used in the Championship game is still here. They are not perfect, in the first place. New sweaters, and a few new pads would leave enough equipment.

Secondly, the M.A.A. say that the interclass football is not a good farm team. I would like to inform them that the interclass teams are not necessarily farm teams. They are teams for those who cannot make the Varsity teams, or those whose studies have interfered with their playing. And mainly interclass football is for fun; for competition between classes. We are wondering if there will be half as much interest class-wise, if touch football is incorporated.

Thirdly, the M.A.A. suggests all those that really are interested in football can play Varsity ball. We would hate to see Bob Pugh with ninety people out there; the usual twenty-five good players, plus the rest who are not good enough. We would like to see how the M.A.A. would decide out of such a large group who are all nearly equal, who would play football, and who would play touch. It seems so obvious that there are very few players playing in interclass that could play Varsity, and would play Varsity, that the M.A.A. should reconsider this point.

The other two points are all minor, and are rather obvious; the M.A.A. did not like the idea of the intercollegiate equipment being lent for interclass. That can easily be stopped. The other point is less injuries. This will probably be true to a certain extent, although cracking your head on somebody else's when you are going up for a pass, or a bit of rough blocking on the line at hard ground can cause just about as much trouble.

This, so the M.A.A. says, will only be a one year situation — a temporary system. This seems so silly, that for one year we have to play touch, leaving almost enough equipment for tackle stagnant, collecting dust in the basement.

We feel that there has been a direct slant made of this whole situation; the M.A.A. seems to blame McGill for the major part of this issue, and a few other minor points. If it is so temporary, why bring in the minor points? Why not blame McGill outright? We, however, feel that McGill is being used here, he is not the reason for this step taken by the M.A.A. This step was suggested years ago as a method of bettering the intercollegiate team. They wish to force players to play for the intercollegiate, rather than just playing interclass. They feel that these few boys who play interclass and could play intercollegiate would play intercollegiate rather than touch.

We ask the M.A.A. if these players will be giving their all out there for the intercollegiate team if they are being forced to play. This is our opinion, and the opinion of the old M.A.A. Reps.

There are two ways in which the student body can fight this step.

One is by use of their privilege to vote. Organize a petition, have it signed by the students who are interested in playing football, and take it to the M.A.A., present it, and I am sure they are well aware of the fact that they should pass such a request. The request should be made only, of course, if the individuals concerned feel that the M.A.A. have chosen wrongly.

A second method of helping the existing situation is to form a Junior Varsity team, on which all those who cannot play intercollegiate, and who are still interested in playing some football, could play. This, then, could be a good farm system.

As the issue stands, Macdonald male students as a whole, are rather agitated at the M.A.A. This is not good for the college, for its organization, nor for its sports. We certainly hope the M.A.A. takes a more serious detailed analysis of the issues which they have stressed, as important in passing the motion that no interclass football be played but that touch takes its place. We are just wondering if there was anyone in opposition to this motion, and if it was argued with points for and against. We must remember not to be selfish in our judgement, but weigh the "pros" and "cons" justly.

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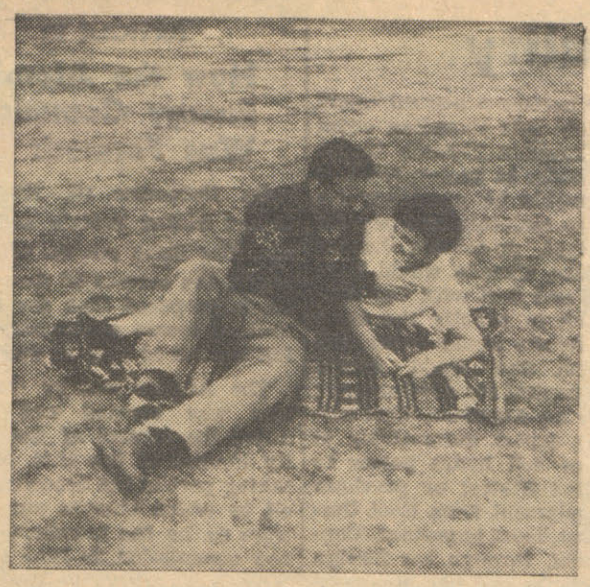
Spring Sports



The Grassing Season

Bomb Alley

Watching the Ice Go Out

Sportlight

As this is the last edition of the Failt-Ye Times for the 1958-59 staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the managers who have so kindly contributed articles of each respective sport throughout the year.

Once again we would like to extend our congratulations to each intercollegiate team for the fine show of sportsmanship and for all the trophies and championships they won. For all those connected with women's Athletics, this past season has been especially rewarding. Our many thanks are conveyed to each and every member of the W.A.A. as well as our physical education directors, Miss Nichol and Miss Walker who maintained the high standards of Women's Athletics at Mac.

To Deborah Matthews and the rest of the new W.A.A. goes every wish for a successful 1959-60 season. The 1959-60 W.A.A. executive is as follows:

Deborah Matthews, President; Margie Orser, 1st Vice President; Mary Belbin, 2nd Vice President; Audrey Pope, Treasurer; Ann Sommerville, Secretary; Miss Nichol, Miss Walker, Athletic Directors.

Don't forget those spring sports gals to keep your figures in shape.

Beginning Swimming: Tues. and Thurs., 6:30 - 7:30.

Stroke Improvement: Tues. and Thurs., 7:30 - 8:30.

Indoor Tennis: Tues. and Thurs. 4:30 p.m.

Golf: Mon. and Wed., 5:00 - 5:45.

A softball program is being drawn up so all softball enthusiasts be sure to watch the bulletin board for final arrangements.

So long for this year:—

M. H.

Fencing News

On March 7th six women and four men from the Macdonald Fencing Club attended the Montreal Class "C" Fencing Tournament. Heather Ward, Marianne Montandant and Donalda Amos made the finals for Mac and ranks fifth, sixth and eighth respectively. All of the finalists of Class "C" were allowed to compete in the March 18th. In this tournament Marianne Montandant was second, Donalda Amos, fifth and Heather Ward sixth. These three finalists are now eligible to fence in the Class "A" Tournament which will be held on April 30th. Each year in Montreal a Metropolitan Tournament is staged. This year it was attended by ten Mac fencers; Mary Bacon and Marjorie Robins were finalists. The finals for this tournament were held on March 20th. Marjorie Robins ranked 5th but Mary Bacon was unable to attend.

On behalf of the fencing Club I would like to congratulate these girls who have received city wide recognition, and also I would like to thank our instructor, Mr. Ede Gyapay, who has given so freely of his time to the Macdonald Fencing Club.

Robert Taylor,
President

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A Case for Canadian Neutrality

INTRODUCTION:

To give the impression that the idea of Canada as a neutral nation was my brain child would be plagerism. Actually, this idea of being neutral is the pet theory of James M. Minifie, a well-known C.B.C. news correspondent. But I have taken the liberty to enlarge on his theme on the basis of my own personal opinions and to try to set this combination of his experience and my own inexpert opinion down on paper.

ASSUMPTIONS:

This neutralist theory is based on two important assumptions. They are:

(1) Regardless of the size of defense expenditures of the North American nations, we cannot defend against complete annihilation from H-bomb missiles of the future; and

(2) If the H-bomb arms race continues as it is now, an all-out nuclear war in **inevitable.**

The first assumption will be readily conceded as true by every responsible military strategist on either side of the Iron Curtain.

The second assumption, however, seems to remain a puzzle to most thinking men. To back it up, I wish to bring to mind the boasts of prophets who flourished before each of the World Wars. They said war would never break because of the terrible threat of annihilation to both the nations indulging war. It must be remembered that the threat of annihilation was just as imminent to those people with their knowledge of war technology as the H-bomb threat of annihilation is to us. Yet on each occasion someone or some nation defied that threat of annihilation and an all-out World War resulted. To think that there will be no trigger or bumbling idiot to start World War the last is to disregard the observations of human nature which have been recorded in the annals of history since the beginning of man's "intelligent" existence.

Now, if you still have trouble accepting the second assumption of the inevitability of nuclear war, you probably shouldn't read on any further in this article, because the next part is sure to irritate you.

ADVANTAGES OF NEUTRALITY:

Always assuming the inevitability of an all-out nuclear war, for Canada to declare her independence from American protection and become a neutral would very likely rule Canadian cities off the Russian H-bomb target lists. In order to accomplish this feat it would be necessary for Canada to maintain and pay for an efficient, up-to-date defense alone. Also, Canada would have to trade and deal with the Russian block in exactly the same manner as she would with the Americans. She could accept Russian capital for development; then buy an American blast furnace; or export automobiles to China; or sell hydro power to the United States; or purchase radar equipment from East Germany. But, most important, Canada should, through her foreign trade policies and her diplomats abroad, constantly curry the favor of both the Russian block and America as well, and in that way make neither of the big powers disposed to drop an H-bomb on Canadians. Although this neutrality approach seems like a very cowardly, almost "Nasserite" method of survival, it appears to be the only way out for Canada, due to her central geographic position between the U.S. and U.S.S.R., for, if we continued to side with America, it would be quite probable that Canada would suffer far more than either of the main combatants.

PRICE OF NEUTRALITY:

Canada, after a declaration of neutrality, would probably suffer a short depression because of the ceasing of the usual American investment. But, in all likelihood, British and others would soften the blow by tiding Canadian business over until we gained again the confidence of American investors and their capital started to flow again.

Canada would have to drop out of N.A.T.O. and N.O.R.A.D. Strategic Air Command planes would not be permitted to fly over Canada; similarly with Russian bombers. We would have to maintain up-to-date missile defense arms — which could be bought from the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. or both — and in general make it militarily as well as economically contrary to the interests of either country to violate our neutrality. This would, initially, be a heavy burden for Canada to bear, but considering that it could mean the insurance of possible survival, this burden is a small price to pay.

In the words of U.S. Navy Admiral Arleigh Burke, "The hope for survival lies in not being attacked. All-out nuclear war is all-out destruction for the powers indulging in it."

So let's not get Canada linked up with such an indulging nation!

The United Nations

ARTICLE III

How the Atomic Energy Commission Was Formed:

On November 15, 1945. The United States, Britain and Canada, the three powers who possessed the secrets of the atomic bomb, proposed that the United Nations create a commisson for the control of nuclear energy.

The Atomic Energy Commission was created and placed under the control of the Security Council of the U.N. Nations taking part in the Security Council, to which Canada was added, were to be the members of the new commission. In June 1946, at New York City, the first meeting took place.

At this time the United States and United Soviet Socialist Republic each represented a program for the control of nuclear energy.

The American plan foresaw the establishment of an international office for the development of Nuclear Energy (I.A.D.A.); to which scientists the world over could belong. This office would control all mineral resources of the world for the development of nuclear energy. The I.A.D.A. would also have under its control all factories producing nuclear materials and would see to its distribution to all organizations wanting to use it for all peaceful purposes. The I.A.D.A. would also have inspectors so that nuclear energy would not be used for war purposes. In the event that an inspector should discover a country developing nuclear energy for war, the U.N. would take immediate and severe action against that country. No other country could oppose its veto to these sanctions.

As soon as the I.A.D.A. would function readily, the U.S. would get rid of their atomic stock piles and would communicate their nuclear weapon secrets to the I.A.D.A.

The majority of nations participating in the atomic energy commission favored the plan; the U.S.S.R. opposed it, she wanted all the nations to first sign a treaty banning the use of atomic arms. Three months after the redification of a treaty of nations and of this nature, the atomic arms resources would have been destroyed. After that, the nations of the world would establish the International Office that would control the development of nuclear energy. At the time the Russian plan was submitted, only the U.S. was in the possession of this type of armament.

Up to now the nations participating in the commission have never reached a common agreement.

Not Raising Hog Business

Dear Mr. Secretary Ezra Benson:

My friend Bordeaux over in Terrebonne County received a $1,000 cheque from the U.S. government this year for not raising hogs. So I am going into the not raising hog business this year.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what's the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on, and the best kind of hogs not to raise.. I would prefer not to raise razor-backs, but if that's not a good breed not to raise, I will just as gladly not raise any Berkshires or Durocs. The hardest work in the business is going to be keeping an inventory of how many hogs I have not raised.

My friend Bordeaux is very joyful about the future of this business. He has been raising hogs for twenty years, and the best he ever made was $1,000 until this year when he got $1,000 for not raising hogs.

If I can get $1,000 for not raising fifty hogs then I will get $2,000 for not raising 100 hogs. I plan to operate on a small scale at first holding myself down to about 4,000 hogs which means I will have $80,000.

Now another thing: these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you pay farmers also for not raising corn. So will you pay me anything for not raising 100,000 bushels of corn not to feed the hogs I am not raising ?

I want to get started as soon as possible as this seems to be a good time of the year to not raise hogs.

Your very truly,

Octave Brossard

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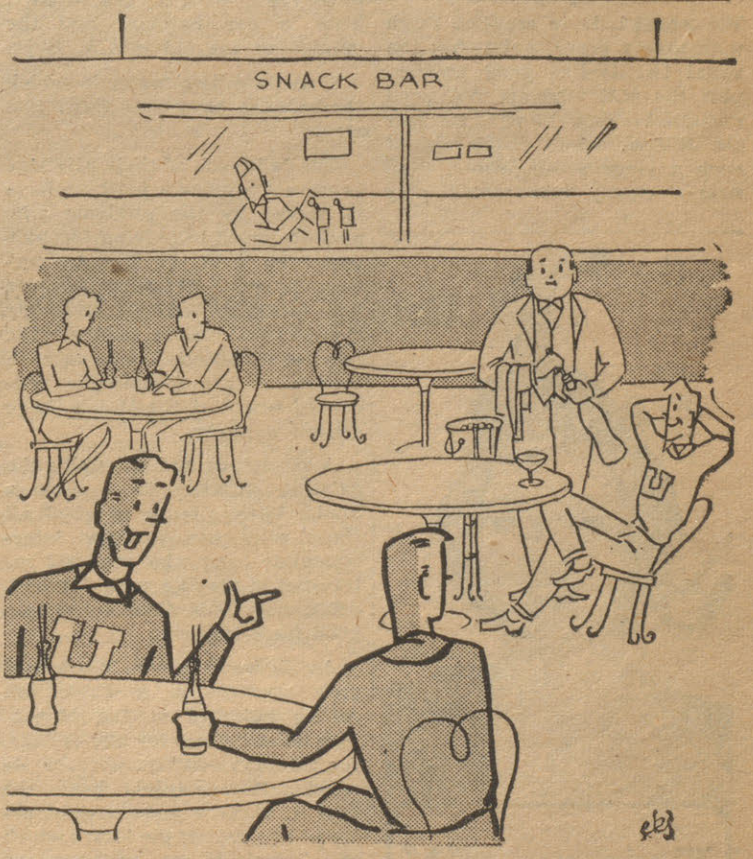

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